

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Join us in singing (When Instructed)

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me.

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The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back, no turning back.

First Reading

Today's First reading is taken, in part, from "The Joy of Discipleship"
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

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Opening Song

"The Presence Of Our Lord Is Here"

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Transitional Music

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

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Gathering Song

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

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Sermon

"Finding Rest"

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

Song of Reflection

Prayers of the People

(Join us in singing when instructed)

We are the light of the world May our light shine before all;
That may see the good that we do, And give glory to God (repeat)

And, now, we will rise as we are able and pray the prayer
Jesus taught us, saying...

Our Creator, who art in heaven

Hallowed be Your name

Your kingdom come Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory Forever. Amen

Offering

Offertory & Doxology

Join us in singing

I've Got Peace Like A River, I've Got Peace Like A River,

I've Got Peace Like A River, In My Soul.

I've Got Peace Like A River, I've Got Peace Like A River,

I've Got Peace Like A River, In My Soul.

Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Join us in singing the Communion Song when instructed

Jesus is here right now. Jesus is here

In this bread and wine, true peace we find

Christ Jesus is here right now

Closing Song

"Blessed Be The Ties That Bind"

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Benediction

Lyrics

"The Presence Of Our Lord is Here"

The Presence Of Our God Is Here, The Presence Of Our God Is Here.
I Feel It In The Atmosphere, The Presence Of Our God Is Here,
The Presence Of Our God Is Here.

The Spirit Of Our God Is Here, The Spirit Of Our God Is Here.
I Feel It In The Atmosphere, The Spirit Of Our God Is Here,
The Spirit Of Our God Is Here.

The Power Of Our God Is Here, The Power Of Our God Is Here.
I Feel It In The Atmosphere, The Power Of Our God Is Here,
The Power Of Our God Is Here.

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound, That Saved A Soul Like Me.
I Once Was Lost, But Now I'm Found, Was Blind But Now I See.

'Twas Grace That Taught My Heart To Fear, And Grace My Fears Relieved.
How Precious Did That Grace Appear, The Hour I First Believed.

My Chains Are Gone. I've Been Set Free, My God, My Savior Has Ransomed Me.
And Like A Flood Your Mercy Rains, Unending Love, Amazing Grace.

My God Has Promised Good To Me, Your Word My Hope Secures.
You Will My Shield And Portion Be, As Long As Life Endures.

My Chains Are Gone. I've Been Set Free, My God, My Savior Has Ransomed Me.
And Like A Flood Your Mercy Rains, Unending Love, Amazing Grace.
Unending Love, Amazing Grace.

"Blessed Be The Ties That Bind"

Blessed Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Christian Love;
The Sharing Of A Common Life Is Like To That Above.

Before Our God We Come And Pour Our Ardent Prayers;
Our Fears, Our Hopes, Our Aims Are One, Our Comforts And Our Cares.

We Share Each Other's Woes, Each Other's Burdens Bear,
And Often For Each Other Flows A Sympathizing Tear.

When We Are Called To Part It Gives Us Inward Pain,
But We Shall Still Be Joined In Heart, And Hope To Meet Again.

First Reading

First reading is taken, from *The Joy of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

When Holy Scripture speaks of following Jesus, it proclaims that people are free from all human rules, from everything which pressures, burdens, or causes worry and torment of conscience. In following Jesus, people are released from the hard yoke of their own laws to be under the gentle yoke of Jesus Christ.

Does this disparage the seriousness of Jesus' commandments? No. Instead, only where Jesus' entire commandment and the call to unlimited discipleship remain intact are persons fully free to enter into Jesus' community. Those who follow Jesus' commandment entirely, who let Jesus' yoke rest on them without resistance, will find the burdens they must bear to be light. In the gentle pressure of this yoke they will receive the strength to walk the right path without becoming weary.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, God of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent, and have revealed them to infants. Yes, God, for this way was well pleasing in Your sight. All things have been handed over to Me by God; and no one knows the Son except God; nor does anyone know God except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son determines to reveal God.

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light."